to the female agriculture workers, extending the maternity benefits, etc.

Special programmes for child labour

*316. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special programmes have been launched by Government for the benefit of child labour;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what progress has so far been made towards the implementation of those programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) to (c) Following are the programmes launched for the benefit of child labour by the Ministry of Labour.

(1) The Ministry is extending financial assistance to voluntary organisations which undertake action programmes concerning welfare of working children, namely, health, nutrition, formal and non-formal education, vocational training, or conduct useful research in the field of child labour. A number of voluntary organisations have, with the support of the Ministry of labour, undertaken action-oriented programmes and research projects.

(2) Government has also proposes to launch two pilot projects for the benefit of child labour in two specific areas where there is concentration of child labour, namely, Mizoram-Bhadhoi belt of carpet industry in U.P. and match and fire works industry in Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu. The aim of these projects is—

(a) to raise the income levels of the families of the child workers by covering them under the existing income generating schemes,

(b) to provide non-formal education to the child workers and to their parents,

(c) to provide better health care to the child workers,

(d) to improve the conditions of work and terms of employment of the children,

(e) to improve the nutritional levels of the child workers, and

(f) to raise the general awareness and social consciousness of the people of the area.

The detail of the projects are under discussion with the State Governments of U.P. and Tamil Nadu.

New-item captioned "Gloomy prospects for iron ore in 1986"

*317. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's atention has been drawn to a newsitem captioned "Gloomy prospects for iron ore in 1986" which appeared in the *Business Standard* of the 18th November, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The news item has commented upon steel production in Japan, China and EEC countries and expected impact of their changing requirements on iron ore exports in 1986 from the two largest iron ore exporting countries of Brazil and Australia. It has also analysed pig iron and steel production and consumption trends in India.

(c) Iron ore prices are governed by production and consumption of

steel and total availability of iron ore from iron ore exporting countries. MMTC already has long term contracts with Japan, Romania, GDR, Bulgaria, and Pakistan. In order to secure a larger share of the market and good price for iron ore supplies, MMTC and Goan iron ore exporters would start negotiations with major buyers in the coming months.

With a view to increasing market share of Indian iron ore, exports to China, negotiations have already been held and the trade protocol signed between India and China. recently, provides for higher exports of Indian iron ore to China.

In order to meet the domestic requirements of low phospig iron its imports are allowed under OGL.

Development of Rural Tourism

*318. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the development of rural tourism in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose for the year 1985-86 and for the Seventh Five Year Plan period separately?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) During the Seventh Five Year Plan period Government is laying emphasis on encouraging visits by people from rural areas to places of tourist interests. This will form part of Government's overall plan in encouraging the growth of Domestic Tourism. The Department has also taken up with the State Governments the possibility of launching inexpensive specialised package tours for youth, teachers etc. Also, places of tourist interest located in rural areas will be developed. State Governments have been requested to forward schemes for the same which will be examined on merits. The provision for the construction of cheap and inexpensive accommodation like Yatri Nivas at places of tourist interest and of Yatrikas (Dharamshalas, Musafirkhanas, Sarais) will also promote rural tourism.

(c) No separate allocation has been made for development of rural tourism as such.

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*319. **श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल :** क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1 जनवरी, 1985 से 30 नवम्बर, 1985 तक की अवधि के दौरान देश भर में विभिन्न स्थानों से कितनी मात्रा में और कितने मूल्य की अवैध हेरोइन जब्त की गई; और

(ख) इस अवैध धन्धे में लगे कुल कितने व्यक्ति गिरफ्तार किये गये और कितने मामले दर्ज किये गये तथा कितने व्यक्ति दोषी पाये गये और कितने व्यक्तियों को सजा दी गई ?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री विश्वनाथ प्रताप सिंह): (क) पहली जनवरी, 1985 से 30 नवम्बर, 1985 तक की अवधि के दौरान पकड़ी गई हेरोइन की मात्रा 534 किलोग्राम (अनन्तिम) है।

पकड़ी गई हेरोइन का कोई ठीक-ठीक मूल्य नहीं बताया जा सकता क्योंकि गैर-कानूनी बाजार-कीमत में बड़ा अन्तर होता